

# CHIEF's Sight Picture

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## CSAF's Reading List - 2004

The collective abilities of our active, guard, reserve, and civilian Airmen provide our Air Force a full spectrum of capabilities that are second to none. To sustain our dominance and understand the world in which we operate, we must develop a wider perspective and an appreciation of views other than our own. I encourage each of you to make time for professional reading as part of your continuing development as Airmen.

As our Air Force continues to adapt to new and enduring challenges across the spectrum of conflict, I intend to adapt my Reading List as well. This year, I added three new books that offer insight into on-going conflicts and furnish organizational and leadership success stories. Although I may not endorse all views or interpretations of selections on my Reading List, I have found them informative and thought provoking. Here's a brief explanation of the three new additions:

An Army at Dawn, by Rick Atkinson, provides a superb historical assessment of the invasion and ensuing war in North Africa in 1942-1943. This book combines in-depth insight into Allied campaign planning, strategy, and tactics directed at ejecting the German Army from North Africa. The leadership traits and wartime relationships of Eisenhower, Patton, Bradley, Montgomery, and Rommel are thoroughly chronicled, and are instructive to leaders in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Of Paradise and Power, by Robert Kagan, examines the past and present geopolitical dissimilarities between Europe and the United States, providing an understanding of diplomacy in the post-Cold War world. This book offers a thought-provoking post September 11<sup>th</sup> appraisal of America's preparedness to respond to strategic challenges around the world.

The Age of Sacred Terror, by Steven Simon and Dan Benjamin, illustrates the intellectual foundation of radical Islam and offers an in-depth analysis into the beliefs of those responsible for waging a Jihad against the West. This book also provides a revealing description on the different understandings of Islam and its ancient and deep-rooted history.

As in the past, these books will be made available through our institutional schools at Air University and our Air Force libraries. The updated reading list, complete with a brief summary of the new selections, can be accessed at [www.af.mil/csafreading/](http://www.af.mil/csafreading/).



  
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## **THE USAF CHIEF OF STAFF'S READING LIST**

### **CATEGORY I: History of the Air Force from its Beginning Through its Major Transformations as an Institution**

- **Frank M. Andrews: Marshall's Airman**  
DeWitt S. Copp and the Air Force History and Museums Program
- **Beyond the Wild Blue: A History of the United States Air Force, 1947-1997**  
Walter J. Boyne
- **The Transformation of American Air Power**  
Benjamin S. Lambeth
- **Winged Victory: The Army Air Forces in World War II**  
Geoffrey Perret

### **CATEGORY II: Insight Into Ongoing Conflicts and the Frictions That Can Produce Conflicts in the Future**

- **The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror**  
Bernard Lewis
- **The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order**  
Samuel P. Huntington
- **Age of Sacred Terror**  
Steven Simon and Dan Benjamin
- **Of Paradise and Power**  
Robert Kagan

### **CATEGORY III: Organization, Leadership, and Success Stories Holding Lessons for the Present and Future**

- **The Five Pillars of TQM (Guidelines for Organizational Greatness)**  
Bill Creech
- **An Army at Dawn**  
Rick Atkinson
- **American Generalship: Character is Everything: The Art of Command**  
Edgar F. Puryear

### **CATEGORY IV: Lessons Emerging from Recent Conflicts -- and the Preparation for Them**

- **Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime**  
Eliot Cohen
- **Prodigal Soldiers**  
James Kitfield